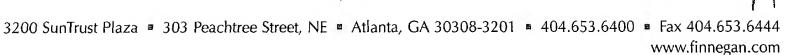


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Title: CIRCUIT FOR SELECTIVELY PROVIDING MAXIMUM OR MINIMUM OF A PAIR OF FLOATING POINT OPERANDS

Inventor: Guy L. Steele, Jr.

Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

- 1. Application 62 pages (incl. abstract and cover sheet), including 3 independent claims and 71 claims total.
- 2. Formal Drawings 3 sheets of drawings (Figures 1-3).
- 3. Declaration and Power of Attorney (2 pages).
- 4. Recordation Form Cover Sheet and Assignment to Sun Microsystems, Inc. (2 pages).
- 5. The filing fee is calculated as follows:

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Basic Application Filing Fee					\$740	\$	740.00
	Number of Claims		Basic	Extra Claims			
Total Claims	71	-	20	51	x \$18		918.00
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6. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge \$1698.00 for the fees listed below to Deposit Account No. 06-0916. The fees include:

\$740.00 filing fee;

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7. Applicant claims the right of priority based on Provisional Patent Application No.: 60/293,173 filed May 25, 2001.

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Please accord this application an application number and filing date and record and return the Assignment to the undersigned.

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